

November 11, 1982

LB 1, 2

SENATOR LAMB PRESIDING

SENATOR LAMB: Have you recorded your presence? Record.

CLERK: There is a quorum present, Mr. President.

SENATOR LAMB: Do you have some items to read in, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, once again a reminder that the Executive Board will meet tomorrow upon adjournment in Room #2102, the Executive Board upon adjournment tomorrow in Room #2102.

Your committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports they have carefully examined and engrossed LB 2 and find the same correctly engrossed. That is signed by Senator Kilgarin as Chair.

SENATOR LAMB: Proceed to the next amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is offered by Senator Haberman. (See page 56 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like to start out by saying that on your desk is a passout that I have dated October 30, prices paid to farmers take a 5.1% nosedive in October. It also says that the commodity prices or food prices to the consumer which was expected to rise was the smallest annual increase in six years. So the farmer is getting less and the consumer is buying his food cheaper. I personally have a bin of popcorn that I would be glad to sell anybody here on the floor for a little bit of nothing because it isn't worth anything. So when I rise to talk about cutting our great University, which it is and I am proud of it, I do it because the people are really financially strapped and are really hurting. I talked to one senator and he said, "Rex, you have a good idea. On some of these, the Alumni Association, I wouldn't touch that with a ten foot pole due to the political repercussions." So I guess politically this isn't very smart but right now politics don't enter into what I am trying to do or what this body is trying to do. What my amendment will do is this. The University of Nebraska at Lincoln and Omaha each have an ombudsman and this costs us \$93,539. Now the ombudsman deals with problems raised by students, the staff and the faculty. Now if we didn't have the ombudsmen, what could they do? Well the students could go to the Administration Office, they could go to their faculty advisor or the attorney on the campus. The faculty could talk to the Dean of the Colleges and bring up the problems to the faculty senate. The employees could go to the administration or the Personnel Services Offices. They also have a manager for fringe benefits, a manager of compensation and classification and a manager of employment. So if we did not have the ombudsmen at these two

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